

Written Notice of Motion (Trustee Bolton)

From: David Tomczak, Senior Manager, Board Services

In accordance with Board Bylaw 10.4, the following motion was submitted in time to be included on the agenda of this meeting for consideration. The following Bylaws are applicable:

10.4 A member of the Board may include a matter in the agenda for a regular Board meeting by submitting the matter in writing to the Director at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

18.16 No decision of the Board shall be reconsidered for a period of 12 months following the decision, or for the remainder of the term of office of the Board, whichever period is shorter, unless decided otherwise by the Board.

18.17 A motion to reconsider a previous decision of the Board shall require a majority of the members of the Board to carry.

18.18 A decision of the Board made at a previous meeting shall not be reconsidered unless notice of the motion to reconsider the decision is included in the agenda.

Rescission of Board Decision to Decommission School-based Swimming Pools

Whereas, on June 27, 2007, during consideration of the 2007-08 budget, the Board decided (in part):

Whereas the Board annually spends about \$16-million (net) on school pool operations, aquatic programming and pool capital repairs (\$13-million operating, \$3-million capital); and

Whereas there is no provision for pool operations, capital repairs or aquatic programming in the provincial funding formula; and

Whereas the Board funds its pools through money diverted through ESL, FSL and learning opportunities grants; and

Whereas learning to swim is a valuable skill in a country that boasts rivers and lakes and recreational and competitive swimming are positive pursuits for life-long healthy living; and

Whereas the Board is the only school board in Ontario that has an extensive aquatic program;

Therefore be it resolved that if, by February 1, 2008, the provincial government does not agree to fund Board unfunded pools either through operating or capital grants or through a specific education mill rate, that the process of decommissioning all school-based pools effective June 1, 2008 be implemented;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Board reconsider its decision of June 27, 2007, as follows::

That if, by February 1, 2008, the provincial government does not agree to fund Board unfunded pools either through operating or capital grants or through a specific education mill rate, that the process of decommissioning all school-based pools effective June 1, 2008 be implemented;

and if Part (a) is carried:

- (b) That the Board's decisions of June 27, 2007, as shown above, be rescinded.